



BIO OF SPECIAL AWARDS CANDIDATE

Name of Nominee: Scott Wilson

Year Elected to Membership: 1998

Award Nominated for: Youth Player Development

Briefly describe your achievements/accomplishments that would pertain to this award:

My position at Bay Meadows Family Golf Course in Traverse City has provided me a great opportunity to inspire a "lifelong love for the game" for hundreds of young players. With the completion of our year-round learning center I hope to continue to build our business and bring new players into the game by providing an environment where youth can "Learn, Practice, & Play" our wonderful game of golf!

Starting each February in coordination with Traverse City Junior Golf Association, I am able to reach over 1000 youth in 12 different elementary schools within our area using SNAG equipment to introduce the basics of the game in gym classes. This exposure within the schools helps to create a spring after-school program that has over 100 youth annually come out for clinics. Many of these young players get their first experience on a golf course through this program.

Building on this success, our Spring Learning League has over 50 kids participate in a six week program to get the season started every year. During summer our PGA Junior League at Bay Meadows has grown tremendously from 4 teams and over 30 kids playing in the league last year to 6 teams with 66 participants this year, culminating with our All-Star team making all the way to the state finals and finishing second in our state! I also conduct "FUN"amental camp sessions where over 110 youth learn the basics of the game, and the life skills our game provides, throughout the summer season. A new program added this year that had great success was a Performance Camp Series. This series was designed for youth looking to gain experience in tournament golf within the TCJGA or PGAJLG. 40 boys and girls committed to this program that helped guide a majority of them through their first tournament season.

With the success of these summer programs I also conduct a fall league. This program has around 40 kids participate annually, but most importantly identifies the most committed to year-round improvement. Many of these players progress into a year-long development program called TC Junior Elite.

Students in TCJE are committed to competitive golf and over the last 15 years have had success not only on the collegiate level but also on every youth tour including AJGA, FCWT, GAM and of course TCJGA events as well as local, sub-regional, regional and national qualifiers in Drive, Chip, and Putt and individual and team MHSAA State Championships. Most recently 3 individuals earned MHSAA state medalist honors in girls' Division 1, 3, & 4 and 5 students were honored with All-State honors including 2 Super Team members and the 2016 Miss Golf. Just this last week through the progression of all of these programs, for the first time in history all three Traverse City Girls teams qualified for the MHSAA State finals.

I am passionate about growing golfers and will continue to do my best to inspire a lifelong love for our game, one shot at a time! I appreciate your consideration for this award. Thanks!

Student Accomplishments this year:

2016 Miss Golf Award
69th ranked player in Rolex Junior Golf Rankings
3 MHSAA State Championship Medalists
2 MIGCA Super Team Award Winners
6 MIGCA All-State Award Winners
1 AJGA Champion & 5 top-ten AJGA Finishes
Quarter & Semi-Finalist GAM Michigan Women's Amateur
PGA Junior League Team Runner-Up for State of Michigan
TCJGA Boys & Girls "Player of the Year" Awards
26 TCJGA Division Wins
6 MIAA Collegiate Medalists
2 Regional Drive, Chip, & Putt Qualifiers
All 3 Traverse City Schools qualified for MHSAA Girls State Finals. First time in history!

Professional Accomplishments:

2017 Michigan Section PGA Youth Player Development Award
2015 NMPGA Player Development Award
2014 & 2015 NMPGA Teacher of the Year
2010 NMPGA Junior Golf Leader
2007 & 2008 Michigan Section PGA Player Development Award
2003,2005,2007,2009,2011 Golf Digest Best Teacher in State list
Crystal Mountain Golf School twice named as a Golf Magazine Top25 Golf School in America